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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET RESREP

1. SUMMARY. I MADE MY INITIAL CALL ON SOVIET RESREP
EROFEEV MORNING APRIL 14. HE REVIEWED SOVIET POSITIONS
ON VARIETY OF IAEA QUESTIONS, ESPECIALLY UPCOMING BOARD
MEETING, WHERE SOVIETS PLAN TO MAKE "ACTIVE" PRESENTATION
AND FEEL BOARD SHOULD EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR IAEA POSITIONS
ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES WITH EURATOM. I CONFINED MYSELF
LARGELY TO HEARING HIM OUT, NOTING THAT WE HOPE TO HAVE
MISSION TO MISSION CONSULTATION BEFORE BOARD MEETING.
END SUMMARY. --"".

2. EROFEEV NOTED APPROVINGLY THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
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IAEA AND EURATOM ON LIGHT WATER REACTORS AND RESEARCH
REACTORS WERE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED. HE OBSERVED,
HOWEVER, THAT COMPLICATED QUESTIONS REMAINED WITH REGARD
TO REPROCESSING FACILITIES AND THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH
GERMANS HAD MADE LITTLE PROGRESS. HE MENTIONED IAEA
ACCESS TO STRATEGIC POINTS, "INDEPENDENT" INSPECTIONS,
AND DETECTION TIME AS THE THREE PRINCIPAL ISSUES. HE

SAID ARRANGEMENTS FOR WAK REPROCESSING PLANT SHOULD SERVE AS GUIDELINES FOR OTHER LARGER REPROCESSING PLANTS AND WERE, THEREFORE, PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT.

3. EROFEEV SAID HE FELT DIRGEN'S REPORT TO BOARD SHOULD NOT ONLY BE REVIEW OF COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS, BUT SHOULD INDICATE WITH SOME PRECISION WHAT SPECIFIC ISSUES REMAIN. SOVIET DELEGATION EXPECTS TO MAKE "ACTIVE" PRESENTATION AND BOARD SHOULD EXPRESS ITS SUPPORT FOR IAEA'S POSITION ON ISSUES RAISED.

4. I ASKED IF BOARD WAS PROPER FORUM TO DISCUSS DETAILED QUESTIONS. HE SAID TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, WHETHER DETECTION TIME SHOULD BE TEN OR TWELVE DAYS, WERE NOT PROPER SUBJECTS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION, BUT THAT GENERAL STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR POSITION OF IAEA IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH EURATOM WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND DESIRABLE. HE SAID HE HOPED SOVIETS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ALONE IN THEIR STATEMENT (CLEARLY REFERRING TO FACT THAT US HAD NOT RPT NOT SPOKEN ON THIS SUBJECT AT LAST BOARD MEETING). I MADE NO COMMENT OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT WE WERE INTERESTED IN EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS BUT THAT THERE WERE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT I ASSUMED THAT WE WOULD DISCUSS THIS FURTHER DURING PRE-BOARD CONSULTATIONS.

5. EROFEEV THEN TURNED TO IAEA PERSONNEL QUESTIONS WHICH
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DIRGEN WILL RAISE AT BOARD MEETING (VIENNA 3483). HE SAID SOVIETS COULD SUPPORT ALL FOUR OF DIRGEN'S NOMINATIONS. I NOTED THAT WE HAD HAD A DIFFERENT (AMERICAN) CANDIDATE FOR POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND LABORATORIES, FOR WHICH DIRGEN HAD NOMINATED SOVIET NATIONAL FROLOV, BUT THAT MISSION HAD RECOMMENDED TO WASHINGTON THAT WE SUPPORT ALL FOUR OF DIRGEN'S NOMINATIONS.

6. EROFEEV THEN RAISED "IMPORTANT QUESTION" OF ROMETSCH'S SUCCESSOR AS DEPUTY DIRGEN FOR SAFEGUARDS, SAYING THAT HE FELT QUESTION WAS NOT YET READY TO BE RAISED. NOTING AGE OF CANADIAN CANDIDATE PRINCE, HE SAID HE WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE TO LEAVE WITHIN THREE TO FOUR YEARS. THIS WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE, AS THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL TURNOVER IN PROSPECT AT TOPMOST LEVELS OF AGENCY, INCLUDING BITTEN-COURT AND DIRGEN HIMSELF. HE REGRETTED THAT PREVIOUS CANADIAN, JENNEKENS, HAD WITHDRAWN AND SAID SOVIETS WOULD BE HAPPY TO SUPPORT A YOUNGER CANADIAN CANDIDATE IF THEY WERE TO PROPOSE ONE. HE NOTED THAT ZANGGER WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH AND THAT THIS WOULD MEAN THAT ONE SWISS WAS SUCCEEDING ANOTHER. HE SAID SOVIETS DID NOT

RPT NOT KNOW AUSTRIAN CANDIDATE, GRUMM, AT ALL, THOUGH DIRGEN EKLUND HAD SPOKEN VERY HIGHLY OF HIM. YUGOSLAV CANDIDATE, OSREDKAR, WAS ALSO QUITE OLD. HE HAD HEARD THAT WILSON OF AUSTRALIA MIGHT ALSO BE A CANDIDATE AND THAT THE UK MIGHT HAVE A CANDIDATE (EVIDENTLY REFERRING TO REPORTED PRIVATE CANDIDACY OF UK NATIONAL, WHO DOES NOT RPT NOT, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, YET HAVE HMG SUPPORT). HE

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NOTED THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE THINKING OF PROPOSING A CANDIDATE OF THEIR OWN, PERHAPS FROM EGYPT AND INDIA. CONCLUDING, HE SAID THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL FROM A COUNTRY WHICH STRONGLY SUPPORTS SAFEGUARDS, SUCH AS CANADA OR AUSTRALIA, BE NOMINATED.

7. I NOTED THAT WE, TOO, FELT THAT POSITION OF DDG FOR SAFEGUARDS WAS VERY IMPORTANT, THAT WE HAD BEEN SUPPORTING PRINCE, THAT IT APPEARED TO ME ALSO THAT THE QUESTION WAS NOT YET READY FOR BOARD ACTION--A VIEW APPARENTLY SHARED BY EKLUND--AND THAT THE MATTER COULD BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSION BETWEEN US.

8. EROFEEV RAISED QUESTION OF SIZE OF BOARD, SAYING SOVIETS FELT IT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ANY LARGER. I SAID MATTER IS ONE WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT OF CONTINUED DISCUSSION, BUT THAT USG ALSO FELT BOARD IS BIG ENOUGH NOW AND SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE INCREASED.

9. EROFEEV NOTED THAT INCREASE IN IAEA BUDGET FOR CALENDAR 79 IS VERY LARGE AND THAT THIS WOULD BE SUBJECT FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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DISCUSSION IN MAY.

10. ON RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO MISSIONS, EROFEEV EMPHASIZED OUR COMMON VIEWPOINT ON MANY PROBLEMS AND EXPRESSED DESIRE TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH. HE ENDORSED CONTACTS BETWEEN MISSIONS AT WORKING LEVEL, AS WELL AS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND ME. I SAID THAT OUR POSITIONS WERE OFTEN PARALLEL AND THAT WE ALSO DISAGREED FROM TIME TO TIME. I SAID I FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT WE EACH KNOW EACH OTHER'S POSITION EVEN WHEN WE DISAGREE AND THEREFORE THAT I WELCOMED CONTACTS WITH HIM AND AT WORKING LEVEL.

11. EROFEEV SAID OUR DELEGATIONS SHOULD MEET ON PERSONNEL QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE SO WE COULD AGREE AT THE PRELIMINARY STAGES AND NOT HAVE A CONFRONTATION. I AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE WELL TO BE IN TOUCH ON THESE MATTERS SO THAT WE COULD KNOW WHERE WE AGREE AND WHERE WE DISAGREE.

12. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH MUTUAL PLEDGES OF DESIRE TO STAY IN CONTACT AND TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS COMING BEFORE BOARD IN MORE DEFINITIVE MANNER ON EVE OF BOARD MEETING.
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